

*The Last Will and Testament of
John Batt
of Devizes
Will proved 23 April 1600*



Probate Court of: London
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| Testator: | Batt | John | Devizes |
| Executors: | | | |
| Batt | Elizabeth | Wife | |
| Batt | Richard | Son | |

| Beneficiaries | | Relationship to testator | Other Information |
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| Surname | Given Names | | |
| | | | Alms House of Devizes |
| Batt | Christabell | Daughter | |
| Batt | Eleanor | Daughter | |
| Batt | Elizabeth | Daughter | |
| Batt | Elizabeth | Wife | |
| Batt | John | Son | |
| Batt | Margaret | Daughter | |
| Batt | Marie | Kinswoman? | |
| Batt | Richard | Son | |
| Batt | Tucker | Brother | |
| Eire | Thomas | | |
| Kent | Samuel | Godson | |
| Witnesses | | | |
| | | | |
| Other Names | | | |
| Bennett | John | | |
| Bennett | William | | |
| Breade | Phillip | | |
| Brunsdon | Robert | | |
| Drewe | Robert | Gentleman | Overseer of Will |
| Gamble | William | | |
| Hodges | - | Tenant | Westbury |
| Kent | John | Gentleman | Overseer of Will |
| Pavey | - | Tenant | Devizes |
| Ranger | William | | |
| Shabden | Nicholas | Tenant | Westbury |
| Spencer | - | Tenant | Westbury |
| Webb | Andrew | Tenant | Devizes |

In the Name of God Amen The three and twentieth day of March one thousand five hundred ninety nine and in the two and fortieth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth by the Grace of God Queen of England France and Ireland defender of the Faith I John Batt of the town of the Devizes in the County of Wiltshire being sick in body but whole and perfect in mind and of good remembrance do appoint and make my last will and testament in manner and form following Imprimis I give and bequeath my soul to Almighty God and my body to be buried within my parish church of Saint John the Baptist in the Devizes aforesaid.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Batt my lease and term of years of and in all that my living in Westbury called Chalcott. Item I give unto my said son Richard Batt the land that belongeth unto Hedges house during so long time and term as the foresaid lease of Chalcott shall endure. Item I give and bequeath unto Margaret my daughter twenty pounds of lawful English money to be paid unto her at her day of marriage or within one year after my decease Item I give unto her one annuity of thirty shillings yearly to be paid unto her during her natural life out of my lands and tenements at the town end of the Devizes aforesaid. Item I give and bequeath unto Eleanor my daughter twenty pounds to be unto her within one year next after my decease or at her day of marriage. Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Tucker one annuity of four nobles yearly to be paid unto him during his natural life out of the house and tenement in the Devizes aforesaid wherein Alexander Webb now dwelleth. Item I give and bequeath unto Christabell my daughter twenty pounds to be paid unto her at her age of six and twenty years or day of her marriage. Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my daughter ten pounds to be paid unto her at her day of marriage And my will also is that my wife shall pay and give unto my said daughter Elizabeth at her age of six and twenty years other ten pounds of lawful English money. Item I give and bequeath unto my god son Samuel Kent one ewe and a lamb. Item I give unto Marie Batt ten sheep. Item I give unto my foresaid daughter Margaret a bed and bedstead. Item I give and bequeath unto my son John Batt forever after the decease of my wife my purchased land viz one tenement in the Devizes aforesaid wherein the foresaid Alexander Webb now dwelleth one other tenement in the Devizes aforesaid wherein [] Spencer dwelleth and one tenement in Westbury aforesaid wherein one Nicholas Shabden dwelleth and the foresaid house or tenement with the appurtenances in the parish of Westbury aforesaid wherein the foresaid Hedges now dwelleth upon a condition. Item I give and bequeath unto my said son John twenty ewes and twenty lambs. Item I give and bequeath towards the reparations of the almshouses within the Devizes aforesaid the sum of forty shillings. Item I give unto my foresaid daughter Margaret after the decease of her mother my silver salt. Item I give unto the foresaid Richard my son after the decease of his mother my silver bowl. Item I give unto my daughter Eleanor after the decease of her mother my little silver goblet. Item I give unto my foresaid daughter Margaret one cow. Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Eireⁱ his son forever after the decease of my wife all that house in the Devizes aforesaid wherein Pavey dwelleth I give and bequeath unto my foresaid son John Batt one annuity of ten shillings to be yearly paid unto him during so long time as my son Richard shall have and enjoy the land belonging to the foresaid tenement wherein Hedges now dwelleth

All the rest of my goods unbequeathed I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth my wife and Richard Batt my son whom I appoint and ordain my executors of this my last will and testament to be bestowed at the will of my said executors and I name and appoint Robert Dreweⁱⁱ gentleman and John Kentⁱⁱⁱ gentleman to be my overseers of the same my last will and testament. Memorandum I owe unto my brother Tucker ten pounds. Item my father in law oweth me ten pounds, John Bennett oweth me seven pounds, William Bennett oweth me thirty seven shillings, William Gamble oweth me twenty four shillings, Phillip Breade oweth me four pounds to be paid by twenty shillings yearly the first payment thereof to be made at Michaelmas next, Robert Brunson oweth me four pounds, and William Ranger oweth me twenty eight shillings for ***** and for self twenty eight shillings more.

Proved at London on 23 April 1600, Elizabeth Batt and Richard Batt executors

ⁱ Thomas Eire married Jone Batt, John's eldest daughter.

ⁱⁱ Robert Drewe of Southbroom born 1574 and died 1644

ⁱⁱⁱ John Kent of Chester but settled in Devizes, became Mayor, Town Clerk and later MP for the Borough